

April 22, 2013

The Natural Gas STAR Program United States EPA (6207J) 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

RE:

Natural Gas STAR Program Annual Report - 2012 - Production Section HighMount Exploration & Production, LLC, Sonora, TX

Ms. Berkowitz:

Enclosed is a copy of the 2012 Annual Report for HighMount E & P, LLC. The report includes additional reductions taken in 2012.

If you have any questions please contact me at (325) 387-7314.

Sincerely,

Ervin Fisher, Jr.

**Environmental Specialist** 

cc: Danny Eaton, Manager, Region Production Operations

Ernest Johnson, Environmental & Safety Supervisor, HighMount E&P

### **Company Information**

# Annual Report 2012



# Production Sector

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		□ BN	/IP 2: In:	stall flash tank separ	ators on glycol dehydrators	
		<b>∑</b> Pa	rtner Re	eported Opportunities	s (please specify):	
		_	In	stall plunger lifts, Ins	tall electric motors on pumpjacks	
		_		Install so	ar chemical pumps,	_
Period covered by report:	From:	01/01/2012	To:	12/31/2012		
Partner Signature Required:		30,400		/	11 - 12	
I hereby certify the accuracy of the	data contain	ed in this report.	<i>L</i>	ay to	4-22-13	_
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- Because the implementation of some technologies reduces emissions for multiple years, Natural Gas STAR allows certain activities to count towards a company's emission reductions beyond the initial year of implementation. Natural Gas STAR designates the maximum length of time that these reductions may accrue as "sunset dates." The Appendix lists these sunset dates. Companies can report the corresponding methane emission reductions each year up to the allowable sunset date. Or, companies may wish to report reductions only once for the implementation year, and have EPA automatically apply the sunset date and count those emissions for the allowable number of years.
- In addition to reporting methane emissions reductions, you are welcome to include other information about your company's participation in Natural Gas STAR in the "Additional Program Accomplishments" section of this form. The Natural Gas STAR Program will use any information entered in this section to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of outstanding partners.



### **BMP 1: Identify and Replace High-Bleed Pneumatic Devices**

#### **Summary of Emission Reduction Activities**

Please include aggregate information in this section for all locations. If multiple facilities/locations are represented, additional detail by specific facility/location can be provided in the table below.

A. Facility/location identifier information: (If only one location note here, otherwise use table	e below.) <u>Sonora Opera</u>	tions		
B. Project summary: Number of devices replaced:  Percent of system now equipped with low/no-bleed units:  51 %	es Estimated o	C. Cost summary:  Estimated cost per replacement (including equipment and labor): \$NA /replacement		
D. Methane emissions reduction: _0 Mcf	E. Are thes multi-year	e emissions reductions a o reduction?	ne-year reduction or a	
	☐ Partr automat sunset d	If Multi-year:  ☐ Partner will report this activity once and let EPA automatically calculate future emission reductions based on sunset date duration (BMP 1 has a sunset period of 7 years).  ☐ Partner will report this activity annually up to allowed		
Please identify the basis for the emissions		** *	ow any calculations	
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Methane emissions reduction = [Annual emissions fron devices being replaced (in Mcf/yr) - Annual emissions t replacement devices (in Mcf/yr)] x Number of devices r	or the Other (n)	Methane emissions reduction = 124 Mcf/yr x Number of devices replaced  Other (please specify):		
<ul><li>Please specify your data source:</li><li>Field measurement</li><li>Manufacturer specifications</li></ul>				
F. Total value of gas saved: \$ 0  Total value of gas saved = Methane emissions reduction Gas value (in \$/Mcf) [If not known, use default of \$3.50/M	(in Mcf) x	ny high-bleed do you plan to next year? <u>TBD</u>	devices	
Optional: Additional details by location				
Facility/Location # Devices Replaced identifier Information	Total Cost of Replacements (incl. equipment and labor) (\$)	Estimated Reductions (Mcf/yr)	Value of Gas Saved (\$)	



## BMP 2: Install Flash Tank Separators on Glycol Dehydrators

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One-year 

Multi-year If Multi-year: ☐ Partner will report this activity once and let EPA automatically calculate future emission reductions based on sunset date duration (BMP 2 has a sunset period of 10 years). Partner will report this activity annually up to allowed sunset date. Please identify the basis for the emissions reduction estimate, using the space provided to show any calculations Standard calculation ☐ Calculation using default Methane emissions reduction per flash tank installation = [TEG circulation rate (in gal/hr) x Methane entrainment rate (in scf/gal)\* x Methane emissions reduction = [Average gas throughput (in MMcf/yr) x hours of operation (in hrs/yr) x 0.90] / 1,000 170 scf/MMcf x 0.90] / 1,000 \*If methane entrainment rate is not known, use a default value of 3 scf/gal for energy exchange pumps or 1 scf/gal ☐ Other (please specify): for electric pumps Please specify your data source: Field measurement Manufacturer specifications F. Total value of gas saved: 0 G. How many flash tank separators do you plan to install next year? TBD Total value of gas saved= Methane emissions reduction (in Mcf) x Gas flash tank value (in \$/Mcf) [If not known, use default of \$3.50/Mcf] separators

#### Optional: Additional details by location

Facility/Location identifier Information	# Flash Tank Separators Installed	Total Cost of Replacements (incl. equipment and labor) (\$)	Estimated Reductions (Mcf/yr)	Value of Gas Saved (\$)



# **Partner Reported Opportunities (PROs)**

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B. Project description: activity, please use a s	: Please provide a separa separate page for each lo	ite PRO report	ting form for surveyed.	or <u>each</u> activity reported.	if reporting a DI&M	
Please specify the technology or practice that was implemented (choose from the list in the appendix or describe your own):  Install Plunger Lifts			Please d	A well is selected for this PRO based on its ability to remove		
C. Level of Implementation (check one):  Number of units installed: 53 units			D. Are en multi-yea	missions reductions a one ar reduction?   One-year	e-year reduction or a ar X Multi-year	
Frequency of practice: times/year			If Multi-year:  Partner will report this activity once and let EPA automatically calculate future emission reductions based on sunset date duration*.  Partner will report this activity annually up to allowed			
			sunse	t date.		
E. Methane emissions	reduction: 33,920Mcf		<b>F. Cost summary:</b> Estimated cost of implementing this practice/activity (including equipment and labor): \$ 8000			
Please identify the b	asis for the emissions re	eduction estin	nate, using	the space provided to sh	ow any calculations	
☐ Actual field measuren				er (please specify):		
☑ Calculation using mar	nufacturer specifications/ot	her source	-			
G. Total value of gas saved: \$\frac{118720}{}\$  Total value of gas saved = Methane emissions reduction (in Mcf) x Gas value (in \$\frac{1}{2}\text{Mcf}\) [If not known, use default of \$\frac{3}{2}\text{50/Mcf}\]			H. To what extent do you expect to implement this practice next year?  TBD			
Optional: Additional de	tails by location					
Facility/Location identifier Information	Frequency of Practice/Activity/# of Installations	Total Co Replacer (incl. equipn labor)	nents nent and	Estimated Reductions (Mcf/yr)	Value of Gas Saved (\$)	

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C. Level of Implementation (check one):    Number of units installed: 6 units     Frequency of practice: times/year			D. Are emissions reductions a one-year reduction or a multi-year reduction?   One-year   Multi-year   If Multi-year:   Partner will report this activity once and let EPA automatically calculate future emission reductions based on sunset date duration*.			
E. Methane emissions	reduction:8 <u>760</u> Mcf		F. Cost so practice electric	ummary: Estimated cost of e/activity (including equipment city	f implementing this f and labor): \$ 5000 +	
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G. Total value of gas saved: \$\\\ 30660\\  Total value of gas saved = Methane emissions reduction (in Mcf) \( x \) Gas value (in \$\( Mcf \)) [If not known, use default of \$\\$3.50/Mcf]			H. To what extent do you expect to implement this practice next year?  TBD			
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E. Methane emissions	reduction: 6500 Mcf		F. Cost se	ummary: Estimated cost of elactivity (including equipment	implementing this and labor): \$ _2500
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